

Dear Professor Owens:

Basic Information:

1. I attended your EEC 289Q class during Winter Quarter.
2. I received an "A" in that graduate level course.
3. I was actively involved in the discussions with you, and TAs and other classmates.
4. I attended your weekly lab meetings.
5. Under Weitang, I helped developed the user interface for gun rock.
6. My GRE Verbal Score is 155, at 68 percentiles, which is not very impressive. But I am confident about my verbal skills and vocabularies. I can read fast and interpret meanings accurately. I hope you can say something good about this to offset my GRE verbal score.
7. For most of the schools that I am applying to, Math is evaluated heavily. I have been good at math since I was a kid. My GRE math is 168, at 95 percentiles. I got almost straight "A"s in the college level math classes. It would be great if you could say something about my quantitative skills. Some schools, like UCLA, Duke, Stanford..., actually require the recommenders to mention my math (quantitative skills) in the letter.

Personal Traits and words about myself (There is a list of 25 fun facts of me in Duke's long essay, which is under the "Duke- statement of purpose").

8. Leader
9. Sports man
10. Outgoing
11. challenge taker
12. I do well under pressure and I become stronger when I encounter someone that's better than me. That is why I want to attend top schools in the United States to meet more brilliant people.
13. Guitar Player: I play music to relax myself.
14. Diverse Thinker: I always have creative ideas about projects, and whatever I am doing.

15. Time management skills: I hate wasting time doing meaningless things or not doing anything productive. As a result, I have a habit of setting goals and planning. Especially when I am loaded with heavy work, I have a very strict time table and "to do list" to make sure time is not wasted. I think this explains why I could do well when under pressures.
16. Information collector: To me, possessing information is the most important thing I value. Because the way how I make decisions based on how many info I have. The more info I have and could process, the better and smarter decision I will make.
17. I am a "doer": I have good initiatives in doing things. Many people think of a lot of things but never do it. I am the opposite of these people: I do what I want, for example, run marathon, invest in stock with real money and so on. I am not afraid of failure and I am ready to be responsible for what I do.
18. I am very optimistic and sanguine. Whenever I met difficulties, I always believe I have a way to figure it out!
19. I am not afraid of trouble and will patiently fix them.
20. I like to help people and I feel good about it. (I have an essay regarding how I help my friends in GRE club under Northwestern personal statements.)